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M'SIA PREPARED TO FACE ANY SCENARIO IN THE EVENT OF WAR, SAYS PM

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the government is prepared to face any scenario in the event of war due to the Iraqi crisis.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Finance Minister, said that the government had prepared a plan but had not implemented it because the present situation did not require much adjustment.

"So when this (war) happens, we can handle (any situation)...the government of course looks at various scenario if there is a war in Iraq and we are prepared for this," he said when asked to what extent the government is prepared in the event that a war breaks out following the Iraqi crisis.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir launched the e-Syariah which is the seventh flagship application under the Multimedia Super Corridor project. It is an integrated case management system covering all aspects involved in the handling of syariah court cases.

Dr Mahathir said that in the case of war, there would be all kinds of disruption to daily life and business.

"For example, the movement of people...people will fear to fly, (and) of course trade in certain areas will become difficult...higher insurance rates.

"(So), we have to learn to accept this," the Prime Minister said.

Iraq is currently locked in a confrontation with the United States over allegations of its possession of weapons of mass destruction. Baghdad has denied having such weapons.

The US has also said that it will attack Iraq with or without the approval of the United Nations Security Council to disarm Iraq.

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